

## GILL NETTERS ONLY ARRIVALS

### SCH. THOMAS S. GORTON HOME YESTERDAY WITH FARE OF SALT FISH.

The only arrival with fish reported here since yesterday, except a few of the gill net fleet, was the schooner Thomas S. Gorton, home from the Magdalen Islands with a fare of salt fish for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Compan. The fleet of mackerel netters and smaller draggers were held in port during the night by a high nor' wester, and only five of the gill netters managed to get outside far enough yesterday to find their gear. These five brought back 68,000 pounds of fish which went to split.

#### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Sch. Evelina M. Goulart, via Boston.

Sch. Babe Sears, via Boston.  
Sch. Teazer, via Boston.  
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Magdalen Islands, 400,000 lbs. salt fish.

#### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Naomi Bruce II., 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Lucretia, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Elizabeth and James, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat C. A. Meister, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.

#### Sailed.

Sch. Laura Goulart, haddocking.  
Sch. Amelia M. Pereira, dragging.  
Sch. Raymonde, dragging.  
Sch. Grace and Evelyn, dragging.  
Sch. Magellan, shore.  
Sch. Irene and Helen, dragging.  
Sch. William L. Putnam, dragging.  
Sch. Mystic, dragging.

#### On the Railways.

Boat Catherine C., in on Burnham's railways.

#### Will Fish South.

Boat Angie and Florence, fitting out for dragging, is to operate in the waters around Cape Hatteras, dragging for scup and other southern fish. The boat will be in command of Capt. Percy Firth.

## SHORT STORY AT BOSTON PIER

### ONLY SIX ARRIVALS REPORTED AT BOSTON MARKET THIS MORNING.

It was a short story at the pier this morning. When business opened, only six arrivals were chalked up on the board. Three of them were beam trawlers, one a haddock-er and one a dragger. The Gloucester netter Doris M. Hawes held over her fresh mackerel from yesterday, and they sold for 15 cents a pound. The total receipts of groundfish this morning amounted to a little less than 300,000 pounds. Haddock was quoted at \$5 and \$5.50, with large cod bringing \$5.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Str. Sheldrake, 90,000 haddock, 1600 cod, 4100 mixed fish.  
Str. Sea Hawk, 50,000 haddock, 1100 cod, 4000 mixed fish.  
Str. William J. O'Hara, 22,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 5100 mixed fish.  
Sch. Marie and Winifred, 30,000 haddock, 1500 scrod, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Lark, 38,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Doris M. Hawes, 13,000 mackerel.  
Haddock, \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$1.50 to \$2; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$2; gray sole, 7 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 8 cents; black backs, \$3 bbl.; dabs, \$3 bbl.; mackerel 15 cents per lb.; shark, 7 cents; catfish, 5 cents.

#### N. S. Dried Fish Market.

There is no change in the dried fish situation. The only quality that is in good demand is No. 1 salted codfish. Unfortunately the quantity of this grade available in Nova Scotia is very limited. The Nova Scotia shore fishery, as far as dried codfish is concerned, keeps steadily diminishing. While the summer catch of the Lunenburg fleet was one-third less than last year, demand in the West India markets taking this cure has seriously fallen off, so that it is feared that even the smaller catch will be difficult to market.

All European markets are overstocked with inferior cures, comparatively good prices being obtained for No. 1 light salted fish. Owing to unfavourable weather conditions, a very large proportion of the Newfoundland shore catch is of inferior quality, and has resulted in heavy shipments to the West Indies, demoralizing prices, particularly in Barbados and Jamaica.

There is no immediate improvement in sight, but a fair hope that early in the New Year consumption will improve and some profitable business will be possible. Norwegian exporters are endeavouring to stabilize markets. The weakest spot is Iceland, where a much larger quantity of salt bulk fish is held than usual—this owing to exceedingly bad outdoor drying conditions. This fish is now being artificially dried and being forced on markets at prices under cost.—Maritime Merchant.

#### N. S. Lobsters.

During the past season the lobster catch showed a general increase, and while prices were lower, the loss of gear through stormy weather was slight, so that it is considered to have given the individual fisherman the equivalent of an average return for his efforts.

Everywhere there is a gain shown in the quantities shipped in shell. The counties on the mainland of Nova Scotia (with the exception of Shelburne), show a slight decrease of lobsters canned as compared with 1929, but in all other sections, more were packed in tins and an increase of from 10 to 15 per cent. is shown in the totals.

No lobster fishing prevails anywhere in Canada at the moment. As canning will be possible from the present until March, there is a five month period during which the present surpluses of canned lobsters cannot be increased.

The general demand is fair, but it is doubtful whether the consumption will be sufficient to absorb prevailing stocks. Foreign buyers assume a pessimistic attitude towards this product and there are larger quantities held in Canada than usual at the time of the year. Cannery are watching the situation closely and few of them are as yet willing to commit themselves beyond providing supplies of bait for their fishermen so as to be prepared for the spring's operations.—Maritime Merchant.

## FEW ARRIVALS AT THE PIER

### EIGHT SAIL OF VESSELS RE- PORTED IN AT BOSTON TODAY.

The week closed very quietly at the Pier today, there being but eight arrivals coming in through the night. Three of the beam trawling fleet brought in an aggregate catch of around 165,000 pounds. The other arrivals included three off-shore draggers and two small shore boats. Haddock sold at \$6 this morning, with large cod bringing the same. A few hundred pounds of mackerel brought up in the drag of the schooner Ruth Lucille, brought 15 cents a pound.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Str. Petrel, 20,000 haddock, 33,000 cod, 8000 mixed fish.  
Str. William J. O'Brien, 47,000 haddock, 2800 cod, 6300 mixed fish.  
Str. Swell, 25,000 haddock, 25,000 mixed fish.  
Boat Catherine S. Saunders, 23,000 haddock, 2000 mixed fish.  
Sch. Ruth Lucille, 16,000 haddock, 500 cod, 400 mackerel, 1900 mixed fish, 600 butter fish.  
Sch. Carrie S. Roderick, 13,000 haddock, 4000 mixed fish.  
Boat Rosie, 3700 mixed fish.  
Sch. Floreo Marino, 380 mackerel.  
Haddock, \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.50 to \$2; cusk, \$2.50; gray sole, 8 cents per lb.; black backs, 4 cents; yellow tails, 3 cents; dabs, 2 cents; mackerel, 15 cents; catfish, 5 cents.



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# LOCAL DRAGGER RAKED BY SEVERE NORTHWESTER

## Boat Raymonde Towed Into Boston by Coast Guard Cutter After Break- down off Boston Lightship

Caught in a helpless condition 20 miles off of Boston lightship late yesterday the local dragger Raymonde, which left here yesterday, was towed into Boston during the night by the cutter Agassiz after she had been raked by a biting nor'wester for several hours.

Crippled by the breaking of a gasoline feed line, which had been broken and repaired just before she left here yesterday morning, the

dragger broke down when 20 miles southeast of the light and was having a tough time of it when sighted by the beam trawler Fordham late in the afternoon. The beam trawler sent a wireless message to the Nahant station requesting aid for the stricken boat, and word was immediately sent to the cutter Agassiz, the latter making contact with the Raymonde and fastening a line aboard, towed her to Boston. The crew of 12 men on the Raymonde suffered no ill effects from the wallowing the craft took in the heavy sea.

### Maine Sardine Pack.

At this writing there is every indication that the Maine sardine season will end this week. Some of the factories around Casco Bay have already closed and the rest will shut down in a few days. It seems certain that there will be absolutely no activities whatever after October closes although the season for legal packing does not end until December 1.

October 20 found three large factories closed at Eastport—Seacoast Canning Co. No. 2 and No. 3 here, and the big double factory No. 8-9 at Lubec. The Blanchard Manufacturing and Canning Co. has also closed while the others were expected to end activities by the last of the month. The Ramsdell Packing Co., at Lubec, closed early in October.

It has been one of the poorest seasons in many years. There have been inspectors in every factory this year, placed by the State Department of Agriculture. Standards have been very high and all through the early summer, because of red feed and general poor condition of the herring, no fish were packed.

The quality of the fish was much better in central and particularly western Maine waters and some of the packers put up a surprisingly large amount of fish in two months and a half. A normal pack in recent years is about 2,000,000 cases. The American Can Co., which supplies all the packers on the Maine coast had on October 1 delivered only cans enough to ensure a total pack of 1,000,000 cases of sardines, where in a normal year at that time they would have furnished enough for close to 1,500,000 cases. That indicated on October 1 a shortage of about 500,000 cases, while since then it has increased perhaps 200,000 cases. Most of the packers agree that the total shortage under normal this season will be 800,000 cases.

Last year the total pack of sardines in Maine and Massachusetts, including Underwood & Co., was 2,100,000 cases. That meant a pack of 1,800,000 cases in Maine alone, outside of the Underwood production. This year the Maine total will not reach 1,300,000 cases unless the experienced packers are away off in their predictions.—Fishing Gazette.

### Halibut Declines.

The largest decrease was in the case of halibut which dropped to approximately \$2,283,000 as compared with \$3,206,798 in January 1-September, 1929. Cod value, amounting to a little more than \$2,615,000, fell off by about \$445,000. Pilchard landed value, \$732,625, was almost \$210,000 under the 1929 figures, a condition partly due to the lower prices prevailing for pilchard oil.

None of the four Atlantic coast provinces did as well in the September fisheries as they had done in the preceding September. Catch and landed value decreased in each province. On various stretches of the coast fish were reported scarce, and weather hindered operations in some cases.

### Haddock Worth More.

Decreases were fairly general in virtually all the principal fisheries, although Quebec and Nova Scotia both fared considerably better as regards the mackerel fishery than they had done in September, 1929, and there was increased success in Nova Scotia's halibut operations. The landed value of Nova Scotia's haddock catch, \$52,875, represented a gain of nearly \$8000, though haddock landings were smaller than in the previous September.

## MACKEREL FLEET FOUND FEW FISH

### SEVEN NETTERS BROUGHT IN ABOUT 7000 POUNDS THIS MORNING.

A few of the mackerel netters venturing out last night, came back to port this forenoon with fares running from 175 pounds to 2000 pounds, and were the first fish to have been landed here for three days. Only a few of the gill net fleet were out yesterday and some of those only got half of their gear. Their catch, mostly pollock, went to split.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Sch. Restless, dragging, 1000 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Albert D. Willard, netting, 1000 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Josephine and Margaret, netting, 175 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Emma Marie, netting, 2000 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Elizabeth A., netting, 325 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Boat Antonina, netting, 600 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Boat St. Rita, netting, 1000 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Marie and Winifred, via Boston.

### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Inca, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Mary A., 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Myrtle and Gladys, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Joanna, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Angelina, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Sailed.

Sch. Eva M. Goulart, dragging.  
Sch. Babe Sears, dragging.  
Sch. Elvira Gasper, dragging.  
Sch. Olivia Brown, dragging.  
Sch. Amelia M. Pereira, dragging.  
Sch. Alpar, shore.  
Sch. Vasco da Gama, dragging.  
Sch. Evelyn G. Sears, shore.  
Sch. Minerva, shore.

### On the Railways.

Sch. Gertrude L. Thebaud is on Burnham's railways.

## SMALLER CATCHES LANDED IN N. S.

Canada's catch of sea fish and shell-fish in the first nine months of this year was some 30,000,000 pounds larger than the catch in the corresponding period of 1929 but the fish brought smaller return to the fishermen in total landed value, or \$20,566,000, in round figures, as against \$20,656,000 a year ago.

The combined catch of all varieties of sea fish and shellfish in the January-September period just past was approximately \$18,570,000 pounds as compared with 788,201,700 pounds in January-September, 1929.

Salmon catch for the past nine months showed a landed value increase of more than \$1,400,000, or a total of \$7,619,435, and lobsters, haddock, and mackerel also yielded larger returns to the fishermen. On the other hand, cod, hake and cusk, halibut, herring, mackerel, sardines, pilchards, and oysters, among the principal fish and shellfish, showed decreases.